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INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MV

SUBJECT: BRITISH WITHDRAWAL FROM RAF GAN

REF: COLOMBO 1387 (DTG 191145Z APR)

1. REQUEST EMBASSY LONDON SHARE REFTEL REPORT WITH FCO  
AND INDICATE THAT US TEAM TO US-UK INDIAN OCEAN TALKS MAY  
4-5 WOULD BE INTERESTED IN BRITISH UPDATE AND COMMENTS IN  
CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM ON GAN.

2. OUR LATEST INFO ON SUBJECT IS APPROACH FROM UK EMBASSY  
HERE IN MID-JANUARY 1976 INDICATING HMG HAD ARRANGED WITH  
MALDIVIANS THAT LATTER WOULD EXCLUDE THIRD PARTIES FROM  
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USE OF GAN EVEN AFTER LAPSE OF 1965 AGREEMENT CAUSED BY

FINAL RAF DEPARTURE FROM GAN. UK IN TURN, WOULD AGREE  
TO LEAVE AIRPORT IN USABLE CONDITION, HAND OVER CERTAIN  
EQUIPMENT AT AIRPORT TO MALDIVIANS, AND MAKE "CERTAIN  
OTHER AID ARRANGEMENTS". THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN AGREED TO FORMALLY DURING JANUARY 19  
MEETING IN LONDON BETWEEN MANIKU AND MOD PARLIAMENTARY  
UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE (AIR.) WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER  
AGREEMENT WAS FORMALLY REACHED. SISCO

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